

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 27, 2017

International City/County Management Association Conference

The City Manager attended the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) annual conference last weekend. The conference brought together over 3,400 managers and officials to discuss local government issues. The conference included keynote speakers Rabia Siddique, Richard Florida, Ann Maria Chavez, Simon Bailey and Stephanie Meeks in addition to a wide variety of educational sessions and round table discussion regarding local government.

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley Field Representative Courtney Flathers

The Mayor and City Manager met Courtney Flathers the Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley. This was Courtney's first visit to Cottage Grove as Field Representative and the Mayor and Council introduced her to the community, and showed her the Swinging Bridge, Chambers Railroad Bridge, Armory, South 6th Street road work, the new Harrison School project and the damage from the water line break this weekend.

Sustainable Cities Initiative

Megan Banks from the University of Oregon Sustainable City Year Program visited with the Mayor and City Manager this week to describe the program and consider ideas for possible involvement in the program in the upcoming year.

Model Railroad Show

The largest Model Railroad Show in Lane County opened today in the Armory and will run through the weekend. Admission is free. Be sure to stop by and bring friends and others to visit this amazing exhibit of model railroading.

Halloween Howl

The downtown Trick or Treat will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be fun for all ages.

Pumpkin Judging

City staff will be putting together their entries for the annual pumpkin carving/decorating contest this weekend. The display will be available for judging by the Mayor and City Council on Monday between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. This year the YAC will also be participating in the judging of the pumpkins. The pumpkins will be on display for the Trick or Treaters when they visit City Hall on Tuesday.

Water Main Break at South 14th Street and Quincy

On Sunday, October 22nd at 10:45 am, a 12 inch water main ruptured blowing a 3' long by 12" hole in the side of the pipe. Within 115 minutes, the City's Utility Crew mobilized on site and had the water shut off. During that time, 1.1 million gallons of water exploded from the break causing severe damage. It lifted the paved road approximately 6 inches and water flowed through several properties on 14th, 13th, and Quincy Streets. The crew worked until 9:30 pm repairing the break and restoring all the effected homes with water service. They spent both Monday and Tuesday cleaning up the impacted streets and restoring the access to several homes. The City will repave the damage at 14th Street in late Spring or early Summer, 2018. Thank you to all for an outstanding job repairing the water main break.

6th Street and Mosby Creek Road Paving Project

Knife River is on schedule with the repairs and repaving of 6th Street and Mosby Creek Roads. At the end of today, all the base repairs will be completed and next Tuesday they will be grinding and repaving the roads. If all goes well and the weather cooperates, the paving of both roads will be completed at the end of next week. We are currently working on the contract with the Railroad to have the 6th Street rail crossing rebuilt with concrete panels. As soon as the contract is completed, the railroad will perform the upgrade.

Drainage Ditch Maintenance

On Wednesday, November 1st, the Utility Crew will be cleaning the storm drainage ditch along hole #7 at Middlefield Golf Course. The ditch drains the storm water from I-5. Over the years, the ditch has become overgrown with blackberries and brush that has caused the drainage to plug up and flood the course during high water runoff events. By restoring the drainage flow, it is our hope that the flooding will stop during high rain events.

Dog Park Irrigation

This week the City's Maintenance Crew completed installing irrigation at Lulu's Dog Park on Main Street. The owner of the park purchased all the supplies and the City performed the install. This is a great Public/Private project that will improve the dog park's grass and keep it in good condition throughout the dry months.

Library Islam Event Success

The Cottage Grove Public Library has just concluded a month-long series of weekly special events and an exhibit and display of books, films, music and art, all an exploration of the world of Islam and Muslim Culture. The final live special event was a viewing of video clips and a live Skype interview with Mansoor Shams, a Muslim gentleman who has served as a Marine and is now a business owner and Muslim youth leader. Approximately 50 people attended the last event. A special thanks to Bruce Kelsh and the Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library, and to Frank and Pam Simpson, for helping to fund and coordinate this truly interesting exhibit and associated special events.

Library Journal Design Institute

Pete Barrell, Community Services Director, recently attended the Library Journal Design Institute in Vancouver, Washington. The event brought together the nation's top architects and designers focused on Library and Municipal Design, along with top library professionals from around the nation. The two day event focused on architecture tours and design sessions, where the group worked collaboratively to envision ideal library designs for the future. Green Building, LEED Certification, and even "Living Buildings" were all a part of this visionary conversation and design experience.

Quote of the Week

"A little progress each day adds up to big results."

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